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REMARKS

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1 and 3-12 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. To expedite prosecution of the present application, claim 1 has been amended to delete subject matter that was indicated by the Examiner as not described in the specification. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112 is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has indicated that claims 1 and 3-12 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112. As indicated, claim 1 has been amended to delete subject matter rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, but still includes features that the Examiner has identified as patentably defining over the prior art. Accordingly, claim 1 and claims 3-12 that depend from claim 1 are considered to be allowable.

D. Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned representative to expedite prosecution of the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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